

WOMEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW

Until the 1985 season, Women's Soccer at the Quebec University level existed exclusively on an exhibition basis. The year 1985 saw 4 teams affiliate to bring into being the new varsity league. University of Sherbrooke, University of Trois-Rivieres, McGill and Concordia were the teams in the circuit's first season, Concordia compiled a 4 - 1 - 1 record and tied Sherbrooke for first place.

In 1986, The Lady Stingers, guided by Vladimir Pavlicik (now coach of the Men's team), finished third in the regular season standings with a 3-3 record. In the playoffs, Concordia came very close losing to Sherbrooke by a 1-0 score in the semi-finals.

In 1987, the Lady Stingers finished third once again winning 1, losing 2, and tying 3 times. The Concordia squad, under the command of Cathy Lipari, a former all-star goaltender for Concordia, had one of the league's best defensive lines allowing their opponents only 5 goals in 6 games. However, the lack of offense prevented the Stingers from converting good performances into concrete wins.

1988 is a year of renewals for the Stingers. Concordia welcomes a new coach, Lionel Joseph, and no less than 7 rookies. These new players come to Concordia with a background of good competition. Most of them played this summer in the Quebec provincial league representing either Dorval or Beaconsfield. Midfielder Connie Cant and forward Annie Caron both are members of the Canadian national team.

The Lady Stingers have been training hard for the past 3 weeks in an attempt to be ready for the season opener this Friday at the McGill stadium. The team is working on a totally different style of play. The Concordia squad was in Toronto last weekend to take part in the U. of T. tournament. The Stingers impressed many by qualifying for the final beating the host team 2-1. Concordia lost 3-2 to Queen's in the decisive game but not without putting on a good show. The winning goal was scored with less than 5 minutes to play in the game.

This season certainly appears to be very promising.

Concordia vs. McGill

In 1987 the Stingers were 0 -2-1 against the Martlets. The two victories for McGill were both by 1-0 scores.

Home and Home series

The Lady Stingers visit McGill on Friday, September 23, at 6:45 P.M. On Sunday, September 25, the Stingers host the Martlets at noon.

Doubleheader on Sunday

Sunday's McGill - Concordia women's match-up will be followed by a Men's soccer game at 2:00 P.M. featuring McGill and Concordia.